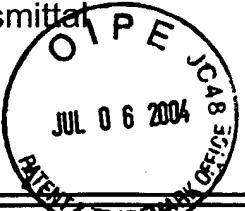


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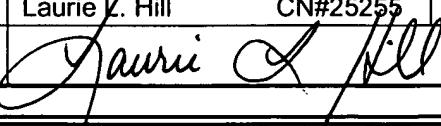
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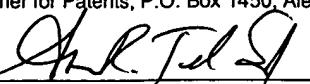
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Also included herewith is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Copy of Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement submitted August 4, 2003 and return postcard